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Government Oversight Committee
List of Possible Topics for 2007 Interim Meeting Agendas
Update as of May 14, 2007

- Update of the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) including testimony by national experts. Also review and discussion of HF 622 and HF 868 proposed by Representative Wayne Ford in the 2007 Legislative Session relating to the ICN.
- Continue review of CIETC Issues and request an update by the Attorney General's staff.
- Update and discussion on the Institute for Tomorrow's Workforce (ITW). Review findings of the ITW Report filed January 2007 to the Governor and General Assembly.
- Update on Veteran's benefits and issues.
- Discussion on building code requirements and enforcement.
- Advancing energy efficiencies in State Government.
- Review the State contract for an anti-drug program with Rock in Prevention.
- Continue monitoring automated financial and human resource services provided by the Integrated Information for Iowa (I/3) Project.
- Update by LSA Computer Services on changes made or pending to Legislative computers in the Capitol.
- Discussion on transfer of college credits with Community Colleges, Regents institutions and private colleges and universities.
- Update by the Lottery by Ed Stanek, CEO.
- Continue discussion regarding the current conflicts between members of the Iowa State County Treasurer's Association and Polk County regarding fund ownership and distribution of interest earned to other counties from electronic payments of licenses and fees.
- Continue review and discussion with the Department of Public Health regarding the Gamblers Treatment Program concerning service contract issues presented by some providers.

Other – Regular Updates during the 2007 Legislative Session and Interim

- ❖ Grants Enterprise Management System (GEMS) – DOM provides update.
- ❖ Department of Administrative Services (DAS) – DAS provides update.
- ❖ Integrated Information for Iowa (I/3) Project – DAS to provide materials.
- ❖ Help America Vote Act (HAVA) – Secretary of State provides update.
- ❖ Homeland Security/E911 – LSA provides quarterly update on funding and expenditures.
- ❖ Lottery – The Lottery provides semi-annual updates and annual budget.
- ❖ Board of Regents – Provide monthly updates regarding status of the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School and efforts to provide necessary services to lowans.

Additional Items Provided by Committee Members (In no particular order)

- Review of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) expenditures for FY 2006 (Rep. Watts)
- Implications of the language adopted in Senate File 403, Sections 30-38 relating to disposal of real property. (Rep. Tymeson)
- Review of HF 622 and HF 686 relating to the ICN. Include appearance by national experts. (Rep. Ford)
- Review report by the Regents regarding arming campus police as required by the 2007 General Assembly. (Rep. Baudler)
- Insurance Commissioner on Conseco settlement - invite Susan Voss to come and give insight to the investigation and outcomes. (Sen. Connolly)
- A review of Iowa's non profit laws – Are they too lenient? Do other states allow similar organizations the ability to throw off such large excess revenues (profits) and escape taxation? What are the standards for providing charity care in order to be entitled to non profit status? Obtain a summary of Senator Grassley's efforts to review the issue at the federal level. (Senator Connolly)
- 527 organizations and the State's Deferred Compensation Program - invite Mollie Anderson from DAS to discuss fees, kick back suit, and less than arms length arrangements. (Senator Connolly)
- Auditor findings on job creation from the Values Fund. (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck)
- IWD discrimination update. (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck)
- Assignment and use of troopers in Iowa and comparison of surrounding states. (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck)
- Business climate in Iowa compared to surrounding states including review of 2005 small business survival index, and impact of minimum wage, repeal of right to work, worker's comp issues, increase in taxes and fees, etc. (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck)

- Impact of Tobacco tax increase on:
 - General Fund
 - Direct cessation of smokers
 - Impact on retailers and border communities
 - Study of impact from others states that have increased tobacco tax (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck)
- Impact of excluding collective bargaining units in whistleblower protection. (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck)
- Review of Senate policies related to a member or staff charged with an indictable offense. (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck)
- Update on Power Fund and rules promulgated.
- Review of expenditure by the Regents institutions on commercialization activities and progress. (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck)
- Review of Fund of Funds activity (or lack thereof). (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck)
- Update on search for U of I president. (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck)
- Review of unemployment compensation taxes and fund balances compared to surrounding states. (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck)
- Review of property taxation in Iowa compared to surrounding states. (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck)
- Review of election laws and corruption in Iowa compared to surrounding states. (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck)
- Review of budget 2004 - present including built-ins (through FY 09), general expenditures, and FTEs. Also include comparison to surrounding states. (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck)
- Investigate expenditures for HAVA vis-à-vis the Auditor concerns. (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck)
- Update on collection of taxpayer money owed by CIETC. (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck) (Sen. Lundby and Sen. Wieck)